

How is a chat on the Internet different from a spoken conversation with another person in the same location as you or on the other end of a voice telephone line?

Well, typing a chat on a keyboard can take a lot of time and a lot of finger work! Besides, you can't see each other's expressions or hear the tone of voice being used. People who use the Internet have come up with two shorthand techniques that help to make typing a chat less time consuming and less work. These techniques are also used to put expression into conversation.

They are called *emoticons* and *acronyms*.

The *emoticons* are pictures made out of letters, numbers, punctuation marks, or special characters that appear on the computer keyboard. What does :- ) mean? That's a happy face, and it tells your chat friend that you're happy. How about :-(? Did you figure out that this means you're unhappy?

If you find *emoticons* hard to read, just tilt your head to the left and "read" them sideways. Of course, the words around them help to make the meaning clear. Hint: If you have a choice of fonts on your computer, using the Arial font will make the clearest pictures.

Some *emoticons* are just for fun; (=^;^=) is longer than the word cat that it replaces, but it is cute. Do you recognize this 8(:-) as Mickey Mouse? Or this }i({ as a butterfly?

The *acronyms* are sets of initials or parts of words that replace a series of words. If you're told to get something done ASAP, that means As Soon As Possible. Sometimes numbers are used - F2F means Face To Face; L8R means Later; and HAG1 is Have a Good One.

Please have fun with the *emoticons* and *acronyms* collected in this book. Remember that you and your chat friend can add to these lists, so be creative and you'll be on your way to inventing your own Internet language!

We hope to bring a :- ) to your face and to leave you LOL. GFN!

=|:-)=  
Abe Lincoln  
:-:  
Alien  
:!  
All Mixed Up  
o:-)  
Angel  
>>:<<  
Anger  
(:-|  
Angry  
|-|  
Asleep  
:=|  
Baboon

~:O  
Baby  
&&:-(  
Bad Hair Day  
(:-)  
Bald Head  
[:::[:::]  
Band Aid  
:-\$  
Banker  
<^..^>  
Bat  
>^oo^<  
Big Eyed Cat  
8~)  
Big Eyes  
:+)  
Big Nose  
|-O  
Big Yawn  
8-)  
Binoculars  
~===  
Birthday  
[:D  
Blabber Mouth  
!-(  
Black Eye  
:-{}  
Blow a Kiss  
:-(  
Boo Hoo  
I-O  
Bored  
:-)x  
Bow Tie  
\*:o)  
Bozo  
:-#  
Braces  
}(:^(  
Broken Nose  
:-c  
Bummed Out  
=:~>  
Bunny  
:-}  
Burp  
:-#|

Bushy Mustache  
})i({  
Butterfly  
~===  
Candle  
(=^;^=  
Cat  
:-~)  
Caught a Cold  
c=-)  
Chef  
)  
Cheshire Cat  
\*:o)  
Clown  
:\*)  
Clowning  
:-)  
Comedy  
{:-)  
Confident  
:~/  
Confused  
8-)  
Cool  
3:-o  
Cow  
<):o)  
Cowboy  
#:-)  
Crewcut  
~(:o  
Cry Baby  
:~-(  
Crying  
`?-)  
Curious  
&:-)  
Curly Hair  
O-)  
Cyclops  
:-9  
Delicious  
:-[  
Depressed  
]:→  
Devil  
:-|  
Disgusted

O-)  
Diver  
[^\_^]  
Dog  
:-(  
Don't Cry  
:-))  
Double Chin  
?\_?  
Doubtful  
:-(  
Drama  
:-)`  
Drooling  
:>  
Duck  
<:-(  
Dunce  
:-\*  
Eating Something Sour  
(: |  
Egg Head  
:o}  
Embarrassed  
|-|  
Emotionless  
\\_/  
Empty Glass  
:-6  
Exhausted  
:-)))  
Fat  
:-(\*)  
Feeling Sick  
>}}}`>  
Fish  
`”()  
Fish Lips  
@}-----  
Flower  
:-H  
Football Player  
8-O  
Frightened  
8)  
Frog  
:-|  
Frown  
:-(

Frowning  
\\-/  
Full Glass  
~~:-(  
Fuming Mad  
8-)  
Glasses  
:-)=  
Goatee  
:o)  
Goofy  
%-)  
Google-eyed  
8:}  
Gorilla  
Q:-)  
Graduate  
!:-)  
Great Idea  
\$-)  
Greedy  
(-(  
Grumpy  
`:-|  
Guilty  
{:-)  
Hair Parted In The Middle  
o:-)  
Halo  
:-D  
Happiness  
:-)  
Happy  
:(:))  
Happy Pig  
:-%  
Has Beard  
{:-)  
Headphones  
(:)  
Heart  
|-)  
Hee Hee  
^5  
High Five  
(:o  
Ho Ho Ho  
:>(  
Ho Hummmm

=:-)  
Horsehead  
((name))  
Hug  
**xoxo**  
Hugs & Kisses  
[-]  
Hurt  
**O>>**  
Ice Cream Cone  
:-l  
Indifferent  
**8**  
Infinity  
:-x  
Is Cross  
[:~)  
Jogger  
:\*)  
Joking  
:->  
Joyful  
**[abc]**  
Keyboard  
:\*=  
Kiss  
:-\*  
Kissing  
%-(o)  
Laughing  
>:->  
Leering  
>>:-}  
Leery  
(-:  
Left Handed  
:-9  
Lick Your Lips  
%-]  
Loaded  
**O----**  
Lollipop  
}:-(  
Lonely  
%={  
Lost for Words  
<~~~~  
Lost  
\$\$:-)

Lottery Winner  
>:-<  
Mad  
>:o()  
Mad but Smiling  
:-)=--  
Man with Tie  
„(,  
Matted Hair  
3:[  
Mean Pet  
#:-)  
Messy Hair  
8(:-)  
Mickey Mouse  
8(:-)  
Missing Contact  
:~/  
Mixed Up  
~~:-)  
Mohawk  
\$\$  
Money  
[!]  
Monitor  
:})  
Moustache  
(\_)3  
Mug / Cup  
:)  
Mutant Smile  
(-)  
Needs a Haircut  
%-6 No Brainer  
:-|  
No Clue  
:~)  
No Explanation  
:-  
No Feelings  
-\$  
No Money  
:-o  
No Yelling  
:/)  
Not Funny  
:o[  
Not Impressed  
+:-)

Nurse

**#:-o**

Oh! No!

:~|

Oops

**%=)**

Ouch!

**#-)**

Partied All Night

**~</:-)**

Party Time

**}{-|**

Perplexed

**(`@`)**

Pig

**:-----**

Pinochio

**P-)**

Pirate

**\*\*\*\*\***

Popcorn

**:-/**

Popeye

**})-(**

Pouting

**&&&&**

Pretzels

**(o>-<o)**

Questionable

**:-<**

Real Sad

**:-\$\$\$**

Rich

**;-)**

Right Eye Closed

**[:]**

Robot

**3:\*>**

Rudolph

**:-(**

Sad

**:-y**

Sad Grin

**:(:)(**

Sad Pig

**;')**

Sad with a Smile

**\*|:-)**

Santa



:|  
Say Nothing  
`:-@  
Screaming  
...\_(:)-O  
Scuba Diver  
(-\_-)  
Secret Smile  
:-x  
Secretive  
(\*~\*)  
See Nothing  
|--|  
Senseless  
:~(  
Shed a Tear  
:-O  
Shocked  
;-o  
Shy Smirk  
:o)  
Sick  
<-o}  
Silly  
:-o  
Singer  
:-O  
Singing  
;-/  
Skeptical  
:-)~~~~  
Skinny  
:-zzz  
Sleeping  
:-s  
Sleepy  
:o)  
Smiling  
<:-)  
Smiling Witch  
:-,  
Smirk  
:-}  
Smug  
;-}  
Sneeze  
^.....  
Snoring  
...-----

SOS  
:-v  
Speaking  
:-^  
Stop  
:-T  
Straight Face  
:-|  
Stubborn  
8-|  
Stumped  
8-}  
Sunglasses  
8-o  
Surprised  
:]  
Talk to Me  
%~)  
Talked All Night  
:-0  
Talking  
:~(  
Tearful  
:~)  
Tears of Joy  
X~~~~~  
Telephone  
:-)'''  
Tends To Drool  
?:-|  
Thinking  
^  
Thumbs Up  
:-T  
Tight Lipped  
:-&  
Tongue Tied  
<:>==  
Turkey  
:-):-)  
Twins  
=|:-)  
Uncle Sam  
:\_\  
Undecided  
:D  
Unhappiness  
:(  
Unhappy

:~?  
Unsure  
|-)  
User Is Bored  
[:|]  
User Is A Robot  
:\_[  
Vampire  
>:-(  
Very Angry  
>;-<  
Very Grim  
:C  
Very Sad  
~|=|x|=~  
Wants a Hug  
:-[]  
Wears Lipstick  
:-) 8  
Well Dressed  
O:-)  
Who Me?  
>;->  
Wicked Grin  
8-}  
Wide Eyed  
{:-)  
Wink  
;-)  
Winking Smiley  
\*<=|:-  
Wizard  
:v  
Woodpecker  
/:-(  
Worried  
.-}  
Wry  
:-()  
Yawn  
:O  
Yelling  
:-p  
Yummy  
:-\$  
Yuppie  
\*G\*  
Grin  
\*H\*

Hug

**\*K\***

Kiss

**\*L\***

Laugh

**\*S\***

Smile

**\*T\***

Tickle

**\*W\***

Wink

**\*S\***

Sigh

**2U2**

To You, Too

**AAMOF**

As A Matter Of Fact

**AFAIC**

As Far As I'm Concerned

**ASAICS**

As Far As I Can See

**AFAICT**

As Far As I Can Tell

**AFAIK**

As Far As I Know

**AFK**

Away From Keyboard

**AKA**

Also Know As

**ASAP**

As Soon As Possible

**AYPI?**

And Your Point Is?

**BAK**

Back At Keyboard

**BBL**

Be Back Later

**BBL8R**

Be Back Later

**BBN**

Bye Bye Now

**BBS**

Be Back Soon

**BEG**

Big Evil Grin

**BF**

Boyfriend

**BFN**

Bye For Now

**BG**

Big Grin

**BION**

Believe It Or Not

**BITMT**

But In The Meantime

**BOAF**

Birds Of A Feature

**BOT**

Back On Topic

**BP**

Big Problem

**BRB**

Be Right Back

**BRGDS**

Best Regards

**BT**

Big Trouble

**BTDT**

Been There Done That

**BTW**

By The Way

**C&G**

Chuckle And Grin

**CID**

Crying In Disgrace

**CONTD**

Continued

**COTI**

Crying On The Inside

**CRBT**

Crying Real Big Tears

**CSG**

Chuckle Snicker Grin

**CU**

See You

**CUL**

See You Later

**CUS**

See You Soon

**CYA**

See Ya

**CYAL8R**

See Ya Later

**DILLIC**

Do I Look Like I Care?

**DIY**

Do It Yourself

**DOA**

Dead On Arrival

**EG**

Evil Grin

**EME**

Email Me

**EMMSG**

Email Message

**EMU**

Email You

**EOD**

End Of Discussion

**EOT**

End Of Transmission

**F2F**

Face To Face

**FAX**

Facsimile Message

**FBOW**

For Better Or Worse

**FC**

Fingers Crossed

**FOAF**

Friend Of A Friend

**FWIW**

For What It's Worth

**FYA**

For Your Amusement

**FYI**

For Your Information

**G2CU**

Good To See You

**GABI**

Grin And Bear It

**GF**

Girlfriend

**GFN**

Gone For Now

**GN**

Goodnight

**GTG**

Got To Go

**GTSY**

Glad To See You

**H&K**

Hung and Kiss

**H**

Hello / Hug

**HAG1**

Have A Good One

**HAGD**

Have A Good Day

**HAGN**

Have A Good Night

**HAGT**

Have A Good Time

**HAHA**

Having A Heart Attack

**HAND**

Have A Nice Day

**HIT**

Hang In There

**HTH**

Hope This Helps

**IAC**

In Any Case

**IAE**

In Any Event

**IANAL**

I Am Not A Lawyer

**IC**

I See

**IDGI**

I Don't Get It

**IDK**

I Don't Know

**ILY**

I Love You

**ILYF**

I'll Love You Forever

**IMHO**

In My Humble Opinion

**IMO**

In My Opinion

**IMOO**

In My Opinion Only

**IOW**

In Other Words

**IP**

Information Please

**IP**

Internet Provider

**IRL**

In Real Life

**IS**

Internet Server

**ITL**

I Totally Agree

**IWALY**

I Will Always Love You

**JIC**

Just In Case

**JJ**

Just Joking

**JK**

Just Kidding

**JMO**

Just My Opinion

**JTLYK**

Just To Let You Know

**KIS**

Keep It Simple

**KIT**

Keep In Touch

**L8R G8R**

Later Gator

**L8R**

Later

**LMHO**

Laughing My Head Off

**LMSO**

Laughing My Socks Off

**LOL**

Laughing Out Loud

**LOTI**

Laughing On The Inside

**LTS**

Laughing To Self

**LTNS**

Long Time No See

**LU**

Love You

**LY**

Love Ya

**MP**

Moment Please

**MTCW**

My Two Cents Worth

**MYOB**

Mind Your Own Business

**NAT**

Not A Thing

**NC**

No Comment

**NOTMA**

No One Tells Me Anything

**NOYB**

None Of Your Business



**NP**

No Problem

**NRN**

No Reply Necessary

**NTA**

Non-Technical Acronym

**OBTW**

Oh By The Way

**OHDH**

Old Habits Die Hard

**OIC**

Oh I See

**ONNA**

Oh No Not Again

**OAQ**

Over And Out

**OP**

Operation

**OTOH**

On The Other Hand

**OTTOMH**

Off The Top Of My Head

**PDS**

Please Don't Shout

**PLS**

Please

**PM**

Private Message

**PMFJI**

Pardon Me For Jumping In

**POAHF**

Put On A Happy Face

**POV**

Point Of View

**PPL**

People

**PS**

Post Script

**PTMM**

Please Tell Me More

**QT**

Cutie

**R&R**

Rest and Relaxation

**RL**

Real Life

**RSI**

Repetitive Stress Injury

**RSN**

Real Soon Now

**RSVP**

Please Respond

**RTF**

Read The Facts

**RTM**

Read The Manual

**SETE**

Smiling Ear To Ear

**SITD**

Still In The Dark

**SN**

Situation Normal

**SOH**

Sense Of Humor

**SOT**

Short Of Time

**SOM**

Short On Money

**STBY**

Stand By

**SWAK**

Sealed With A Kiss

**SYS**

See You Soon

**TA**

Thanks Again

**TBC**

To Be Continued

**TC**

Take Care

**TMP**

Temperature

**TGIF**

Thank God It's Friday

**THX**

Thanks

**TIA**

Thanks In Advance

**TILII**

Tell It Like It Is

**TLC**

Tender Loving Care

**TMI**

Too Much Info

**TMK**

To My Knowledge

**TNFL**

There's No Free Lunch

**TNPK**

Turnpike

**TNT**

Till Next Time

**TOA**

Time Of Arrival

**TOMP**

Tears On My Pillow

**TOY**

Thinking Of You

**TP**

Telepathy

**TPK**

Turnpike

**TPTP**

The Powers That Be

**TPS**

Troops

**TRAD**

Tradition

**TRAV**

Traveling

**TSE**

Tell Someone Else

**TTFN**

Ta Ta For Now

**TTYL**

Talk To You Later

**TWIC**

To Whom It Concerns

**TWMA**

Till We Meet Again

**TY**

Thank You

**TYVM**

Thank You Very Much

**VBG**

Very Big Grin

**VL**

Virtual Life

**VP**

Vice President

**WB**

Welcome Back

**WH**

Welcome Home

**WDG**

Wording

**WHS**

Warehouse

**WIBL**

Wouldn't It Be Lovely

**WRT**

With Respect To

**WTG**

Way To Go

**WTII**

What Time Is It

**YB**

Year Book

**YBS**

You'll Be Sorry

**YG**

Young

**YMD**

You Made My Day

**YW**

You're Welcome

**XF**

Extra Fine

**XING**

Crossing

**ZF**

Zero Frequency